



City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair R. Rushton Hurley, Maria Alice Jensen,
Jim Mathre, Yuki Ikezi, Barbara Stahl, Peter Yoon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Eugene Mirabella

CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison

VISITORS: Debi Davis, SCA President
Tab Taber, Principal of Wilcox High School

Recommendations for Council Action:

1. That Council extend an official invitation to Ireland's President Mary McAleese - who will be touring the Bay Area in December 2008 - to visit the City of Santa Clara.
2. That Council support Wilcox High School's upcoming request for support from the Championship Team Fund for its band's trip to Limerick, Ireland, in March of 2009.

Chair Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Eugene Mirabella was absent and excused. Motion: Mathre/Yoon; passes
unanimously

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of September 2, 2008 were reviewed and accepted as amended. Motion:
Stahl/Mathre; passes unanimously

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Communication informing IEC of a Korean Group visiting various points of interest in the City of Santa Clara. They have a strong interest in learning about our city's way to protect the ecosystem and learn about its current "green" initiatives.
- Memo from Mr. A. Ratermann requesting IEC's recommendation to City Council to approve support from the Championship fund for a group of Wilcox students visiting Limerick, Ireland in March 2009.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Taber, Principal of Wilcox High School informed IEC of an invitation from the Mayor of Limerick, Ireland to have a group of students and adult chaperones visit that city in March 2009. Mr. Taber wants to establish precedence at Wilcox to have groups of students travel abroad with more frequency and represent our city; tell our story, and he wanted to raise awareness to the International Exchange Commission.

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the Sister Cities Report by Debi Davis, President of SC; the full report will be attached to these minutes. (*For more details about the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and its programs, go to www.santaclarasistercities.org*)

- SCA planning to celebrate Mr. Kuwabara's 25th anniversary with the International Exchange Association of Izumo.
 - Save the date: March 29, 2009 at the Santa Clara Senior Center for this special event

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SCI NorCal Conference October 19, 2008 – Commissioner Ikezi originally planned on representing IEC but had to cancel due to schedule conflicts. SCA President D. Davis will represent Santa Clara.
- B. Limerick Status Report
 - Open discussion regarding status of Limerick's request to become a sister city to Santa Clara
 - The Commission has not reached the position to recommend a decision to Council to this regard
 - The President of Ireland is visiting the San Francisco Bay Area in December 2008 – should Santa Clara extend an invitation?
 - Recommendation from Staff: Recommending an invitation from Council to Ireland's President is of value in view of IEC's work in considering the request of a relationship with Limerick. This visit can be further exploration of future exchange opportunities with Limerick
 - Motion to recommend to Council: Yoon/Mathre; passed unanimously
 - Motion to endorse request for support from Championship Fund for Wilcox students trip to Limerick in March 2009: Mathre/Stahl; passed unanimously
 - Motion that IEC Chair provide an official response to the local team supporting the Limerick/Santa Clara relationship: Mathre/Yoon
 - Discussion and several motions to amend the final motion. Motion: Stahl/Mathre; passed unanimously
- C. AB 1234 Training Summary
 - All members of the IEC Commission, except for Peter Yoon, attended the mandatory Ethics training on September 18, 2008
- D. IEC Program Review Staff Report
 - Staff discussed the IEC Report with Deputy City Manager – will submit report to Council with a cover letter documenting Staff perspective of benefits and drawbacks.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Hurley, Jensen, Ikezi, Stahl, Mathre, and Mirabella attended the mandatory AB 1234 class on Thursday, September 18, 2008
 - Commissioner Yoon will take the class online
- Hurley, Stahl, Ikezi, Yoon, and Mirabella attended the Concert in the Park on September 11, 2008

- Commissioner Mathre created a Power Point presentation to be presented by Chair Hurley to Council, tentatively on December 2, 2008
- Hurley and Ikezi participated in the Art Wine Festival helping SCA fundraiser
- Ikezi translated Izumo's trip report to Santa Clara. This report covered the tour organized by the International Exchange Association of Izumo and was prepared for Mr. Kwuabara

VIII. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Due Date
Mathre	Contact State Coordination and SCI about the process of adding a new sister city	11/10/08
Yoon	Take Ethics Course online	11/10/08
Staff	Send Yoon URL for ethics class and arrange for Certificates for those Commissioners that already took the class	11/10/08
Staff	Prepare Council Agenda Report Cover Letter and Submit to City Manager	10/17/08
Hurley	Provide a copy of PPT presentation to Commissioners for review and comment before it is presented to Council	10/28/08
Hurley	Make Presentation to Council	12/2/08

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room. Motion: Mathre/Yoon
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion: Mathre/Yoon

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Jensen
Recording Secretary



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Report to the International Exchange Commission October 7, 2008

Izumo Update – Izumo has sent their exchange update for 2009. Applications for students coming this March will be put out from October 15 until November 15. Mr. Kuwabara will return between March 26-29, 2009. SCA will have applications for both exchange programs in the schools during that same time frame.

October 5th, Izumo IEAI is meeting to discuss Mr. Kuwabara's 25th Anniversary. Several dates in May are being discussed. I will keep you updated.

Save the Date ! SCA is doing a Japanese Potluck scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2009, at the Santa Clara Senior Center.

At this event we are planning a celebration of Mr. Kuwabara's 23th year with the SCSCA. We will gift Mr. Kuwabara with a photo album, a collection of photos and "Thanks" to our friend.

Okayama Concert- Save the Date ! Okayama, Japan a San Jose Sister City will be arriving to do a joint Concert with San Jose and Santa Clara.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Mayer Theatre, Santa Clara University, The Ambassadors will play with The Gaukugeiken Band.

We will be selling tickets for \$10.00 with open seating.

This concert will be a huge community event for Santa Clara.

October 23, 2009, Mr. Mori and Mr. Nakagawa will arrive to visit Santa Clara to set up their agenda for the March Concert. They will visit City Hall and the Mayer Theatre on Friday, October 24th.

Sister Cities International is offering to students the Author's Showcase designed to find the creative poet or writer with a 400 word essay, themed "Path to your Peace". Deadline for this Showcase will be April 1, 2009. Applications will be in the schools the end of October.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debi Davis
President

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association